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Last ditch bid made to rescue care home

EMOTIONS were running high at the final public meeting over the future of a closure-threatened care home in Kingswinford as campaigners, including relatives of residents, pleaded with council bosses to save it.

New Bradley Hall could shut as part of a controversial shake-up of adult social care services in the borough.

But at the latest consultation session on Monday night, people said it was vital the care home remained open for its 30 residents and also for future generations.

Entertainer Marlene Watson, from Kingswinford, told the meeting she had been performing at the home for years and the residents were settled.

"They want to be happy and comfortable, have their friends around them and be cared for where they are," she said.

Campaign leader Mac Scott, whose 94-year-old mother-in-law Irene Claridge lives at the home said: "There has not been one person at any of the public meetings who has been against our campaign to keep New Bradley Hall open."

A consultation has been launched and is being managed by Age UK Dudley.

College given MPs' blessing

MPs, MARGOT James and Chris Kelly, officially welcomed Stourbridge College to Brierley Hill at its Welcome Event recently.

Staff, students and stakeholders gathered to officially celebrate the opening of the £12m building in the heart of Brierley Hill.

Margot James, MP for Stourbridge, said: "It's wonderful to see Stourbridge College going from strength to strength and I'm sure you'll all agree that the building is spectacular."

Crown Centre demolition begins

THE DEMOLITION of Stourbridge's Crown Centre to make way for a £50million redevelopment has begun.

Contractors are forging ahead with the demolition work and have started to knock down the shopping centre to make way for the new Tesco superstore.

Bridges between the centre and the nearby multi-storey car park in Bell Street have been torn down and a 30ft section of the Crown Centre was demolished to enable machinery to get inside next weekend and demolish shop units. And earlier this week a landmark clock was removed from its plinth in the open square at the centre.

The commemorative clock has a rotating feature which features a model of the Stourbridge Lion locomotive, the first train to operate in the United States.

It was first installed within the Crown Centre in 2005 to celebrate the town's glassmaking and manufacturing heritage.

The timepiece was due to be installed at an alternative location but Tesco has agreed the clock can stay when the supermarket is complete.

Meanwhile, an historic mosaic featuring Stourbridge's coat of arms was due to be removed from the shopping centre by the end of this week.

It will then be incorporated into the new supermarket.

Project manager Mark Glover said: "We know these are two things that people have been interested in preserving so it is an important process."

Bell Street car park will be knocked down using explosives early next month. Around 120 properties will be evacuated and an exclusion zone will be in place for 24 hours around the site.

TORCH BEARERS FOR BOROUGH

A BRAVE Stourbridge student and an inspirational running coach are among the unsung heroes who have been chosen to carry the Olympic torch through the region.

By Heather Large

Ben Hudson, a 17-year-old King Edward VI College student, was chosen to be a torch bearer following his bravery during a violent attack on a fellow pupil of Ridgewood High School in April 2011.

Running coach Rita Vanes, of Wordsley, will also carry the flame during its route across the West Midlands.

Grandmother of three Mrs Vanes, aged 63, was nominated to take part in the relay by members of Dudley Ladies' Running Club.

"The excitement is really starting to build now and it is brilliant that people from the Black Country will be able to see the Olympic torch ahead of the games," she said.

The Olympic torch arrives in Dudley on June 30 and will travel by canal and tram during part of its route though the borough paying homage to the borough's past.

Residents are expected to "turn out in force" to join in the celebrations.

When the torch crosses the Wolverhampton – Dudley border, a host of festivities have been lined up to mark the occasion at The Coseley School and Specialist Sports College.

People are expected to line the streets as it then makes its way along the Birmingham New Road and past Silver Jubilee Park, where Olympic-themed activities will be held around the healthy hub building.

The flame will then continue to Dudley Canal Trust where it will be taken for a trip on a canal boat to the Black Country Living Museum where it will then travel by tram.

It will leave the museum to travel along Tipton Road before heading towards Burnt Tree via Castle Gate island and crossing the border into Sandwell.

While the torch is in the borough it will only be carried by people which means it will always be seen by residents as they watch it go by.

Dudley College student Ross Ensor, who volunteers as a football coach with a number of clubs, will carry the torch in the borough.

The 18-year-old of Enville Road, Wall Heath, said: "I'm really looking forward to it. It should be a fantastic day."

Others flying the flag for the Black Country include Leasowes Community College student, Dominic Macgowen from Halesowen who is the youngest torchbearer in the country.

The 11-year-old plays for Cadburys Athletic Football Club and West Bromwich Albion Shadows Squad.

Torch bearers Ross Ensor, Rita Vanes and Ben Hudson are joined by Councillor David Stanley to promote the torch relay coming to Dudley

Veteran of 93 stars in television campaign

THE COURAGEOUS actions of a Stourbridge-born war veteran have inspired a national television advertisement for The National Lottery Good Causes.

Jack Jennings, 93, who moved away from the town seven years ago, fought in the jungle in Asia and worked on the Burma Railway as a prisoner of war.

He was able to make a poignant return later in life, thanks to National Lottery funding.

Jack's emotional story was the starting point for Hollywood Director, John Hillcoat, to create the advertisement for the small screen.

It is part of 'The National Lottery – Life Changing' campaign, screened nationwide during March, which aims to raise even greater public awareness of how communities are benefiting from National Lottery funding.

Jack Jennings is one of 51,000 people who have made commemorative trips through the BIG Lottery Fund's Heroes Return schemes.

Mr Jennings said: "The advert is very good, showing what the jungle was like and how I felt visiting the graves of friends many years later."

Police name tragic driver

A MOTORIST who died after his car caught fire and crashed into a field near Hagley has been named as Anthony Roden.

The 56-year-old of Whitley Court Road, Quinton, had been driving along the B4188 near Hackman's Gate between Belbroughton and Blakedown in a Rover 75.

He was found in the burning car at around 11.40am last Wednesday and was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Delight for couple after diets helps them lose 8st

SUPER slimmers Murray and Jacqui Keen have proved it's never too late to kick start a healthy lifestyle and have shed almost 8st between them.

The couple from Stourbridge gave up sugary foods, including cakes, as well as bread.

Mr Keen, aged 75, and Mrs Keen, aged 70, who had piled on the pounds gradually, say they are now leading healthier lifestyles.

They have changed the way they cook their meals and now prefer grilling food rather than frying it.

The couple, who have three children, say their success has also been down to the support they have given each other and from fellow slimming club members.

Recognition

Mr and Mrs Keen were also short-listed for a national Slimming World award in recognition of their combined weight loss of 7st 12.5lb.

The couple joined the Stourbridge group last year.

Mr Keen who dropped from 14st 13.5lb to 10st 11lb, said: "Like most people, our weight gain was very gradual, I think when you're in a happy relationship it's easy for your weight to creep up.

"You become comfortable and enjoy socialising together, which often revolves around food and drink. Before we knew it our clothes were tight and our weight was getting us both down.

"We knew we needed to do something about it for the sake of our health," Mr Keen said.

"Just making small changes, like grilling instead of frying, makes a huge difference," said Mrs Keen.

Jacqui before she slimmed

Murray as he used to look

Slim Jacqui and Murray

Creativity is marked by festival

A FESTIVAL featuring music, dance and drama will be held to celebrate the creativity of people in the region.

SMARTFest will be hosted at venues across Stourbridge from August 10 to 12.

Activities will be staged around the town's Ryemarket Shopping Centre, Mary Stevens Park in Norton and Stourbridge Town Hall.

Headlining the event will be music star Kerry Ellis, who has performed leading roles in musicals We Will Rock You, Les Miserables, Wicked and Chess in both London and on Broadway.

In 2010, she collaborated with Queen guitarist Brian May on album Anthems and also toured with him last year.

The event will also feature an arts and crafts workshops, a fun fair, performances by artists, bands, comedians and novelty acts.

A launch day for the festival featured Black Country band Envy.

History cleared

THE HISTORY of the glass industry in Stourbridge will be discussed at a tea and talk session next week.

Broadfield House Glass Museum, in Kingswinford, is the venue for the event on March 27.

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Voices lifted for choir's biggest concert of year

John Smith, Roy Brewer, Steve Rathbone, Bill Jones, Mike Green and Trevor Morgan and Mount Pleasant pupils

A POPULAR choir is getting ready to take to the stage for its traditional spring concert to raise funds for charity.

Kingswinford's Gentleman Songsters will host the event at Dudley Concert Hall, in St James Road, on March 24 (Saturday).

They will be joined for the evening by members of Holborne Brass ensemble who will perform a selection of classic tunes. But the group uses different and unexpected styles when playing the music to put a new spin on well-known songs.

Blend

Members of the Mount Pleasant Primary School Choir will also perform at the event.

Youngsters have been working with members of the Gentleman Songsters to rehearse for their big performance.

The songsters' will also perform their popular blend of classic songs and tunes from the musicals at the event.

Tickets are £10 and are available on 01384 838863 or 01384 812812. The spring concert is one of the choir's biggest events of the year and proceeds will go to charity. Spokesman for the choir Mike Green said: "We are really looking forward to the concert and it will be great to perform with Mount Pleasant choir and Holborne Brass.

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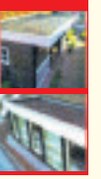

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Pair's roast meal service promises to be real treat

Ring4Roast partners Rachael Smith, left, and Sarah Cummons

Curries and pizzas may be staple takeaway dishes – but you can now get roast dinners with all the trimmings delivered to your door thanks to a new culinary venture in the Black Country.

Ring4Roast has been set up by friends Rachael Smith and Sarah Cummons in their bid to save people the mess and stress involved in cooking the traditional British Sunday roast.

The first customers tucked into their Ring4Roast dinners last week, and said they thoroughly enjoyed the home cooked feel to their takeaway feast.

Rachael, 34, from the Northway, Sedgley, first hit on the idea after friends said how much they loved a traditional Sunday lunch but could not be bothered with all the preparation.

Impressed

She contacted her friend 33-year-old Sarah, of Milking Bank, who runs the Little Devils Diner, in Moor Street, Brierley Hill, and the pair set up the service.

Machinist Ray Davies was their first customer, and he decided to pick up his Sunday roast dinner, from the diner. The 63-year-old from Hulland Place, Brierley Hill said: "I am a single man, so I wouldn't cook it myself. I usually go out for Sunday dinner, but thought this way I can go out for a beer first, and then take it home to eat. I will reheat it in the microwave after I have been to the pub. It gives me the chance to eat it where I am most comfortable, and I can watch TV at the same time."

Customer Sheila Sneyd and Ring4Roast's Matthew Hartgreaves

Mr Davies was so impressed he has already ordered his roast dinner for next weekend. Sheila Sneyd also enjoyed a Ring4Roast with her 31-year-old daughter, Lucy, after having it delivered to her Wordsley home.

"It is very good for busy people like myself. Already this morning I have been swimming, and then decorating my kitchen, I don't have the time to make it myself, as it would take a good couple of hours," said Sheila. The 61-year-old added: "I also have arthritis, so it is difficult for me to stand the kitchen for a long period of time. This is so tasty, and and you get very decent size portions."

At the moment the business is starting small with Rachael and Sarah preparing food from the Little Devils premises. Their partners Mark Smith and Matthew Hartgroves will be delivering the meals.

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Molly in running for top human rights accolade

Molly Hall, aged nine, from Pedmore CE Primary School, Stourbridge, who is shortlisted for a national writing award.

A NINE-YEAR-OLD girl is in the running for to be named Young Human Rights Reporter of the Year by Amnesty International.

Molly Hall's piece about the effect palm oil production has on the Penan tribe in Borneo was one of 10 chosen from more than 3,000 entries.

The Pedmore Church of England Primary School pupil will now have her work judged by a panel including Guardian writer Joseph Harker, award-winning author Kathryn Cave and the 2011 Young Human Rights Reporter of the Year Angus Kirk.

Molly said: "I feel really proud – and really surprised.

"I hope the Penan tribe will be able to live in the rainforest. "I am trying not to eat food like chocolate with palm oil in it.

"If everyone does this there will be no point in making it any more. "We need to think how we would feel if our homes were chopped down to make palm oil."

Wonderful

Molly's teacher, 49-year-old Steph Ladbrooke, said: "This is a wonderful achievement and I am delighted for Molly.

"Molly cares deeply about the rainforests and the future of the Penan people and in her article she speaks from the heart.

"I know that she hopes that her article for Amnesty will help bring about change for the good by drawing attention to this issue."

Emily Drabble, contributing editor of Guardian Teacher Network, was involved in the longlisting process and added:

"This dramatic story of the plight of the Penan tribe in the forests of Borneo is powerfully told. You feel like you're in the forest, experiencing the horror with the Penan tribe member. It's a very emotive piece, but then cuts to the facts."

The top three from each category - Upper Primary, Lower Secondary, Upper Secondary and Sixth form – will be invited to an awards ceremony held at Amnesty International UK's headquarters on May 9 , where the winner will be announced.

University scholarship awarded

STOURBRIDGE pupil Chloe Hill, of King Edward VI College has been awarded one of 64 Entrance and Merit Scholarships given out by Bangor University. She will receive £3,000 when she begins her studies in the Autumn. She won her bursary after taking a university entrance test in January.

A university spokesman said that standards were exceptionally high this year.

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The Limelight Cinema before it was moved to the Black Country Living Museum

An old picture of the how the Limelight used to look

John Revill's daughter Maud inside the closed down Limelight Cinema

The Limelight which had been run by the Revill family

The Limelight as it stands today at the museum and which has regular showings of silent classics

Keeping the classics of silent era in limelight

DUE to the release of Oscar-winning film The Artist silent films have been making a big noise with moviegoers, leaving audiences clamoring for more.

MEMORY LANE

by The Black Country Living Museum's Fiona Carding

In the early days of cinema Charlie Chaplin comedies, feature-length westerns and cliff-hanging serials were all on the 1921 playlist at Mr John Revill's Limelight Cinema, Hart's Hill and is now preserved as one of the exhibits at the Black Country Living Museum.

The family-run cinema offered tickets for tuppence ha'penny and fivepenny a show.

On Saturday mornings locals would queue outside the Limelight to buy their penny tickets for the children's matinee.

Mr Revill built the Limelight Cinema next to his house, in his spare time, at a cost of £130.

Tucked away behind a row of houses in Vine Street, the cinema brought in an extra £2 a week on top of Mr Revill's regular income as an engineer at Cartwright & Craddock.

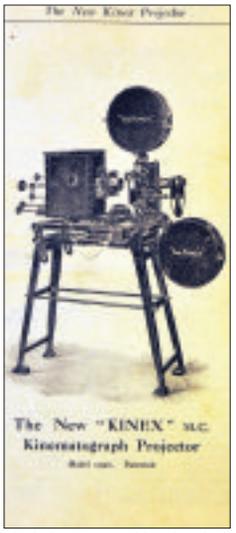
Andrew Lovett, Director and Chief Executive of Black Country Living Museum said: "All the family would be involved. Mrs Revill sold the tickets. Mr Revill and nephew Leslie Ball operated the projectors and eldest daughter, Maud, provided the soundtrack – using a wind-up gramophone."

In 1926 Mr Revill extended the cinema, installing 18 tip-up seats and two gas radiators to provide a little extra comfort. The projection room was enlarged and the two old projectors traded in for two Kamm models, a Motiograph and an Ememann.

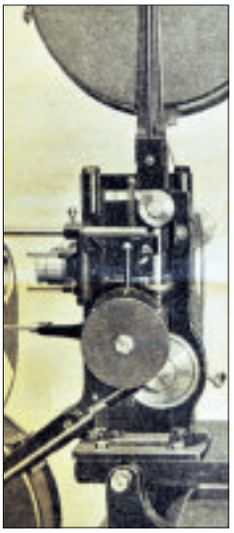
In 1927 Warner Brothers released The Jazz Singer which was regarded as the first of the talkies.

The writing was on the wall for the Limelight cinema. In 1929 profits fell and by June of that year the Limelight cinema had made losses of more than £12. Luxury cinemas had opened in Dudley and Brierley Hill, and after a disastrous first week in July John Revill closed the doors on the Limelight.

BCLM bought the cinema in August 1993 and its new home closely resembles the original Hart's Hill setting. The interior has been refitted as closely as possible to how it looked after the 1926 extension was built. The original internal colour scheme has been reapplied and replica benches created.



An industry pamphlet showing a projector from the 1920s



The pamphlet showing details of one of the latest projectors

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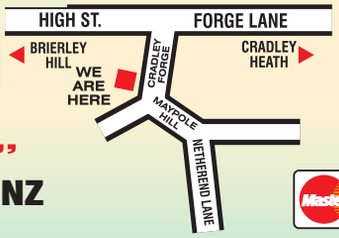

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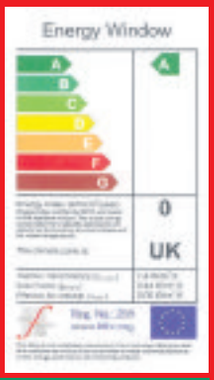

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Music aids river move

A MUSIC and information event was held at the Merry Hill shopping centre by a group of volunteers hoping to clean up the River Stour.

The Transition Stourbridge group has launched the Save Our Stour campaign and is urging shoppers to help transform the litter-strewn river into a wildlife and tourist haven.

The event was at soap specialist Lush on Monday will and featured a performance by the Lyrebirds at 1pm.

The group's River Project aims to highlight how people can play their part in cutting levels of litter and pollution in the Stour.

Other events include a walk on March 25.

Care home concern

CARE inspectors who called in police because of concerns about a former Black Country retirement home witnessed two residents kicking each other as staff did nothing, says a report.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has published its report on standards at Westfield Lodge, in Norton Road, Stourbridge.

It found there were concerns that people living there were at risk of harm.

The owner of Westfield Lodge was Dennis Dawes, with co-owner Carron Hobbs managing the home. Mr Dawes gave 28 days' notice to the authorities on July 6 that he was voluntarily closing the home and the 18 residents were then moved to other homes before it eventually shut on August 4.

The report says the inspections, on June 22 and 30 and July 12 last year, followed allegations made to the CQC and Dudley Council about the safety of the people living there.

Suspended

It said that the registered manager was suspended as part of a "safeguarding" investigation by police and the local authority. A local authority manager was then asked to oversee the home until it closed.

The report, which also raised concerns about residents' nutrition, how medicines were managed and the safety of the premises, says that a total of four members of staff were suspended pending investigation.

The report stated that many of the residents had dementia and challenging behaviour which could result in them hurting other people – but there were no risk assessments for staff as to how to reduce such risks.

The CQC report said: "We saw two people kicking each other under the table and swearing at each other during lunchtime on our first visit.

"Staff ignored this behaviour as instructed to do so by the manager.

"Incidents where people had harmed each other had not been reported to us or the local authority safeguarding team."Miss Hobbs refused to comment.

Residents uniting over proposed phone mast

A 49ft HIGH mobile phone mast could be built next to a water tower – angering nearby residents who claim the value of their homes will plummet.

Locals in Wordsley, near Stourbridge, are uniting to oppose the plan and say they will do "everything in their power" to stop it. Telefonica O2 and Vodafone want to erect the mast just yards from Friar's Gorse Water Tower, which is owned by Severn Trent. Residents say it is too close to their back gardens and would overshadow trees that surround the water tower.

They are gathering a petition and sending letters to hundreds of homes urging people to object to South Staffordshire Council.

They say only two households in Ashdene Gardens received letters informing them of the proposals, which do not require planning permission as the mast would be no taller than 15 metres.

Darla Mayer, aged 31, and her husband, Rob, live next to the proposed development and are leading the protests.

She said: "The water tower has been there as long as the houses and is part of the history of the area, so we can cope with that. But this just seems to be such an unsuitable location – I can't understand why it has to be so close to our houses.

"You will be able to see it from our bedrooms, lounge and garden. Who would want to buy our house with that nearby?"

O2 spokesman Rob Matthew said: "We recognise that some communities are concerned regarding the deployment of radio base stations close to residential areas but without radio base stations, mobile phones will not be able to work."

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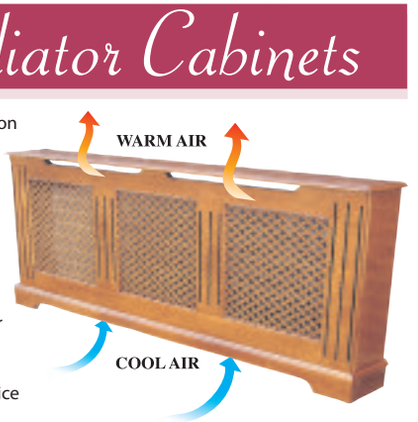

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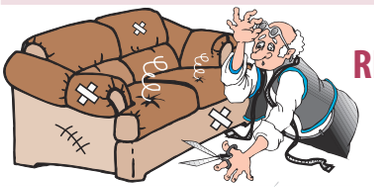

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Good health on hand

Director of Public Health Dudley Valerie Little officially opens the new healthy living pharmacy scheme with Healthy Living champion Pauline Jeffries, pharmacist Olutayo Arikawe, and Healthy Living champion Susan Bryan at Stourbridge Pharmacy

A PHARMACY has become the first in Dudley borough to offer services aimed at helping residents lead a healthier lifestyle under a new intiaitive.

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A total of 18 chemists in the borough have signed up to the new intiative which is being rolled out by NHS Dudley.

Each pharmacy will have a trained team in place to support residents looking for information on how to improve their health and well being. Other services will include weight loss and sexual health advice.

Stourbridge Pharmacy, which is operated by Murrays Healthcare, launched the new services this week.

Community pharmacy development officer Michelle Dyoss said: "All pharmacies provide valuable health services but Healthy Living Pharmacies provide a much broader range of support services."

Gunman is jailed

A HOODED gunman who tried to rob terrified staff at a Black Country post office was today behind bars after being jailed for more than five years. Ravi Taware pointed the pistol at one of the women and demanded money but she and a colleague quickly ducked down and crawled into a nearby room to take cover and push the panic button, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Taware of Elton Close, Wednesfield, then fled from the post office in Junction Road, Stourbridge, but he left behind the bag he was hoping to use to carry the money, Mrs Sati Ruck told the court.

She said DNA found on the bag matched the 21-year-old defendant, who had a long record including six convictions for possessing offensive weapons and an earlier attempted robbery when he was armed with a machete.

Mrs Ruck told yesterday's hearing CCTV inside the post office also helped to identify Taware who was quickly arrested by police. He pleaded guilty to attempted robbery and possessing an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear. He was jailed for five years and four months.

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Club's inspirational golfing professional dies aged 88

A PROFESSIONAL golfer who helped a Midland club expand to more than 1,000 members has died at the age of 88.

Ron Hinton, the longest-serving professional at Enville Golf Club after his 35-year stint, retired in 1989 but remained an honorary member until his death, and was able to play regularly until the last 18 months.

During his career, he witnessed the growth of the membership from 350 to more than 1,000 with Enville also being used as a qualifying course for The Open.When he started there in 1954 the club had no gas or electricity but he spearheaded its expansion and set up his own shop. Current members say Mr Hinton and his wife Joyce – who worked as a caterer at the club – were responsible for Enville becoming one of the leading clubs in the Midlands.

Mr Hinton, who was originally from Birmingham, had spells at Robin Hood and Copt Heath clubs in Solihull before moving to Enville. He became only the third professional in the club's history. In the final two years of his life, he lived in Bridgnorth where he died last Thursday.

Mr Hinton's sons Paul and Philip are also golf professionals, with Philip competing on European tours in the 1980s.

Popular

Sean Power, Enville's current professional, who took over from Mr Hinton, said: "He was a very large part of Enville's history, and he will be missed.

"He was extremely popular and well-liked."

Golfer Ron Hilton

Residents seek answer as badgers wreak havoc

A SANDSTONE cliff near homes is starting to crumble and gardens are being torn up by badgers burrowing near to homes on a Black Country estate.

Residents in The Haven, Wordsley, say the animals have plagued the area for three years with the situation getting worse.

But because the badgers are a protected species finding a solution has proved difficult. Urgent talks are now being held between Dudley Council and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to resolve it.

Residents say the badgers moved into the area around three years ago looking for food and have now burrowed out setts in the sandstone cliff surrounding the estate.

Lorraine Price, aged 81, who has lived in The Haven for 21 years, said large amounts of sandstone and debris had fallen on to her drive. Her garden has also been torn up by the badgers which have burrowed through the ground and destroyed plants.

"It is very worrying as you just don't know what you are going to wake up to the next morning. The amount of debris which has fallen has to be seen to be believed," she said. "The council has been along to clean up the mess but the badgers are still here and still burrowing so this is a problem which is continuing to get worse. Residents' gardens are also being absolutely devastated. We started putting plants in pots to protect them and all the badgers do is overturn them. The badgers are lovely to look at and no-one wants anything to happen to them but something has to be done because they are just so destructive."

Councillor Geoff Southall said: "The council is working with Defra to try and find a solution to this problem before the destruction of this area gets any worse."

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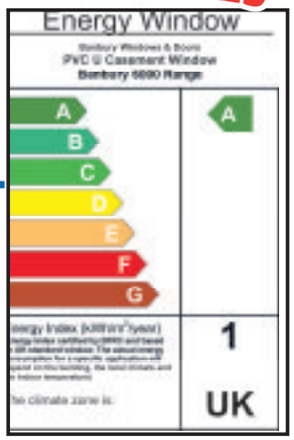

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Mystery surrounds future of building

MYSTERY surrounds the future of a former charity centre in Stourbridge – which used to serve hundreds of meals a week for elderly people – after it was sold.

Carlisle Hall, in Victoria Street, had been the base for the charity WRVS to run services, including meals-on-wheels.

But the centre, just off Stourbridge Ring Road, shut last March due to high running costs.

Now it has emerged that the hall, which was on the market for £185,000, has been sold. The landmark building had been given to the people of Stourbridge by benefactor Ernest Stevens. It had been once belonged to a trust managed by the forerunner of Dudley Council until 1956 when the freehold was transferred to WRVS.

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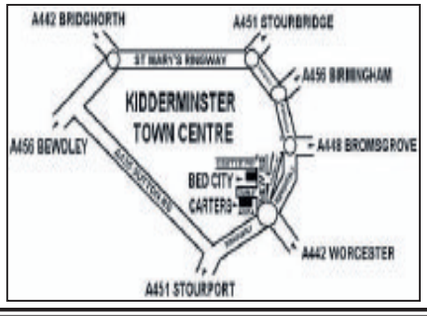

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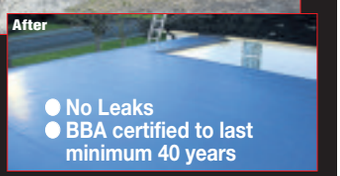

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Achievement

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Managing Director, Mr Stuart Grieveson commented, "my family has been in the car business for nearly 60 years, and we are proud of our recognition from Vauxhall. We have always strived for high standards and values from our staff so that it is passed on to our customers. A large percentage of the staff have been with the group for some years, a few of them celebrating over 25 years and I think this is reflected with our loyal customers."

Managing Director Mr Grieveson and Daughter Alexandra

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See these delightful little animals make their summertime debut

Glimpse

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Last but not least, is Meerkat Mayhem, located within the African Village. The exhibit has glass walls to allow the perfect viewing opportunity of these highly interesting and often amusing little animals.

There's Hippo Lakes, home to the largest family group hippo in the country and the Safari Express train ride that takes the direct route from the car park to the Amusement Area, which is packed with all kinds of fun rides and attractions.

These include some rides like the Black Fly, Twister, Wild River Rafting, Rhinocoaster, Zambezi Water Splash and Venom.

Each ticket admits a family of up to four people into the park, before it closes for wintertime on November 2. Whilst amusement rides are not included as part of the prize, multi-ride wristbands and ride tickets are available to purchase on the day.

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To sleep, perchance to dream . . .

WITH a summer of sport just round the corner, The Sleep Council is using National Bed Month (March) to call on youngsters and their parents to sleep themselves fit.

"A great night's sleep is an important part of any athlete's training," says Jessica Alexander of The Sleep Council.

"Anyone involved in top level sports needs to be as concerned with both the amount and quality of their sleep as they are with their diet and physical training. Good sleep is vital to being able to perform at your very best.

"And, as with any form of sports, exercise and diet, good sleeping habits are best started from as early an age as possible."

As part of its campaign to get youngsters sleeping well for summer, The Sleep Council is launching a school's sleep pack to encourage primary school pupils to appreciate the value of good sleep. "While only the talented few will make it to the top, anyone and everyone can follow the lead of the world's most gifted athletes and sleep their way to a top performance," says Jessica.

"Just as the very best sports demand the very best equipment, so too does a great night's sleep. A good bed is as important to successful sleep as the right trainers are to the world's fastest sprinters.

"If you want to ensure the best possible sleep environment for your child as they grow, you'll need to replace their bed often enough to keep their sleeping 'equipment' in tip top condition too."

Here's how to tell whether your child's bed needs replacing:

- Is the bed more than seven years old?
- Are they still sleeping in a junior sized 'first bed' that is now too small for them – do their feet stick out at the end?
- Is the mattress cover torn or stained – or, if they have a history of bed wetting, perhaps not smelling as sweet as it should?
- When lying in bed, do they complain of being able to feel springs or ridges beneath the surface?
- Does the bed creak and groan when they move about?
- Do they ever wake up complaining of a stiff neck or achey back?
- Is the base uneven or sagging?
- Are the legs and castors worn or wobbly?
- Has the bed regularly been used as a 'trampoline'? Mattresses and bed frames may wear out much more quickly if they have.

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What happens if you don't get enough sleep?

- You could get fat. Since 1992, 13 studies of more than 45,000 children have supported the inverse relationship between hours of sleep and risk of obesity. As children sleep less, they are more at risk of becoming obese. In an interesting 2005 study, Reilly reported in the British Medical Journal that short sleep duration at 30 months predicts obesity at age seven years, suggesting that poor sleep may have a permanent impact on part of the brain called the hypothalamus that regulates both appetite and energy expenditure.
- You won't look your best. If you want to look your best, put a good night's sleep at the top of your list. Research from the University of Chicago found sleeping for four hours a night for less than a week hits the body's ability to process and store carbohydrates and regulate hormone levels. These changes mimic many of the hallmarks of advanced ageing.
- You could get spottier. It's not just junk food that causes spots – hormones have a lot to do with it too – especially in early adolescence. As lack of sleep can play havoc with your hormones, not getting enough kip could pave the way for more zits!
- You could get stupid. Lack of sleep makes it hard to concentrate, can make you clumsy and both memory and creativity suffer. You get a little stupid, too. Canadian sleep expert Stanley Coren claims you lose one IQ point the next day for every hour of lost sleep the night before.
- It could make you ill. Lack of sleep suppresses the immune system making you more vulnerable to infections and metabolic and hormone changes. In extreme it brings hallucinations and difficulty speaking and moving.

Tips on how to get children to nod off

THERE are several practical hints and tips for parents that may help their children with sleep problems. Talking over worries may well help to put them into perspective.

- Try to impress on your child, the importance of sleep and the need for at least ten hours (for the under 12s) sleep on school nights.
- Encourage regular exercise - 20 minutes three times a week will help.
- Suggest a reduction of caffeine intake (in coke drinks as well as tea/coffee).
- Point out that eating too much or too little close to bedtime - an over full or empty stomach - may prevent sleep onset, or cause discomfort throughout the night.
- Try and get your child into a 'going-to-bed' routine – doing the same things in the same order before going to sleep can help.
- Ensure a good sleep environment - a room that is dark, cool, quiet, safe and comfortable.
- Make sure the child has a comfortable bed. It may be time to get a new one - and encourage him or her to choose it themselves.
- Don't give children hand-me-down beds. A good rule of thumb: if the bed's no longer good for its first user it's not good enough for a child either.

Remember, habits learned in childhood often become lifetime habits - so make sure good sleep habits are learned early.

Did you know?

- A three year old needs 12 hours of sleep
- 4-6 year olds need 10.5 -11.5 hours of sleep
- 6-12 year olds need 10 hours of sleep
- Teenagers need 8-9 hours of sleep

Snooze facts and figures

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- Using a mobile phone before going to bed can double the time it takes to fall asleep according to a study by the Sleep Research Centre at Loughborough University. Reported in The Sunday Telegraph, June 17, 2007.
- A report by The National Consumer Council, released July 16 2007, found that children who spend lots of time in front of the TV and computer are more materialistic, argue more with their family, have lower self-esteem and a lower opinion of their parents.
- A 2007 online survey by The Sleep Council found many youngsters were not getting enough sleep during the night before a school day with nearly one in three (30 per cent) achieving just four to seven hours' sleep instead of the recommended eight to nine hours. And almost a quarter (23 per cent) admitted they fell asleep watching TV/listening to music or with other machinery still running, more than once a week.

Not surprising given that nearly all (98.5 per cent) had either a phone, music system or TV in their bedroom – and two thirds (65.3 per cent) had all three!

- Oxford professor Russell Foster claims teenagers work better in the afternoons and that an extra lie-in could help them learn more. He claims having to go to school before their bodies are ready is turning them into 'Kevin the teenager'. Story reported in the January 28 2007 issue of the Scottish Sunday Post.
- According to a report by psychologist Dr Aric Sigman, too much telly poses an even greater risk to the health of youngsters than previously thought.

The report, published in the science journal Biologist, said watching TV suppresses production of the hormone melatonin which has important functions in the immune system, sleep cycle and onset of puberty.

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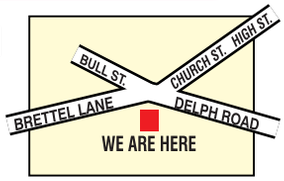

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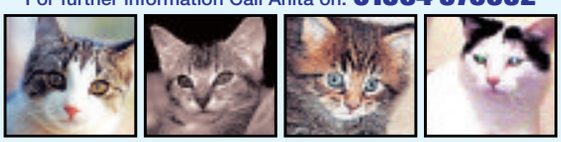

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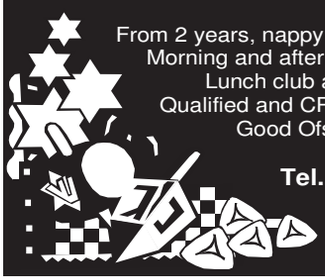

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Schoolgirl Maddie given glimpse of Parliament

Head girl Maddie Farooq meets Speaker John Bercow at the House

SCHOOLGIRL Maddie Farooq, head girl of Redhill School in Stourbridge, was given a glimpse of politics at work last week when she shadowed the town's MP Margot James in the House of Commons.

Together they took part in International Women's Day, which was held on Thursday 8th March.

International Women's Day is held annually on 8th March to promote the importance of gender equality and women's empowerment, with this year's theme being 'Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures'.

They went to the Oxfam International Women's Day coffee morning and an afternoon tea reception in the Speaker's House. Maddie then watched the International Women's Day debate in the Chamber.

Inspirational

Maddie said, "I am grateful to have been given such an exciting opportunity. To see the work women do in Parliament has been inspirational."

Earlier in the week Margot attended an event to mark International Women's Day in Lye, where she met women taking part in the 'Dil Se' project.

Margot said, "With 70pc of women and girls globally living in poverty, we must do all we can to raise the status of women and work towards gender equality all over the world.

"I enjoyed the events in Parliament to mark International Women's Day and am glad that Maddie was able to join me in attending these – it is essential that young women see what Parliamentarians are doing to support women around the world."

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The appeal is Marie Curie's biggest fundraising campaign and throughout the month volunteer collectors are out asking people to wear a daffodil, in return for a donation. All money raised from the appeal helps provide more free nursing care for people with a terminal illness in their own homes.

Research shows around 65% of people would like to die at home if they had a terminal illness, with a sizeable minority opting for hospice care. However,more than 50% of cancer deaths still occur in hospital, the place people say they would least like to be. Since 2004 Marie Curie Cancer Care has been campaigning for more patients to be able to die in their place of choice and last year the charity made this possible for more than 31,000 people.

Eileen Mills, one of the charity's Nursing Ambassadors, explains why support is so crucial.

She said 'The Great Daffodil Appeal is our chance to join together and help make it possible for more people to spend their last days at home or in one of our hospices.

I see first hand what it means for patients to have the choice of where to spend their final days, surrounded by family and friends, which is why the appeal is so important.

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`So when you pick up your daffodil pin this March, know that you are playing your part in helping nurses like me to continue to provide free care and support at a time when people need it the most.' This is something Marie Curie supporter, Edwina Gudgeon, can relate to: `I wear my daffodil with pride every year, as a reminder of the wonderful support the Marie Curie nurses gave to my family.

The charity is very close to my heart as we relied on the support of their nurses to look after my younger sister at home before she died, and I will always be grateful for the care the whole family received.

It is really important that people join forces for the Great Daffodil appeal and raise money to ensure that Marie Curie Nurses can deliver more care and support to so many people across the UK.' Daffodil pins can be picked up from local stores, Marie Curie volunteer collectors, Marie Curie Shops and the charity's website throughout March.

For more information on how to get involved in the Great Daffodil Appeal, please visit: www.mariecurie.org.uk/ daffodil or call 0845 601 3107 To get help from the Marie Curie Nursing Service, talk to your GP, District Nurse or Discharge Nurse

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Hotel and stores included in plan

LONGSTANDING plans for a hotel and large-scale retail development on a derelict patch of land in Stourbridge have taken a step forward after being included in the council's masterplan for the town.

Hotel giant Whitbread and "stand-alone" stores such as B&Q are among those Dudley Council is hoping to engage in talks over the future of the Angel Triangle site, off Birmingham Street and St Johns Road.

Regeneration bosses say the site forms a major part of their plans for the town over the next 15 years. Hotel firm Whitbread and stores such as B&Q are among the firms the council is trying to attract.

The council has tried to get the site developed for more than a decade but struggled to find interested firms.

Opportunity

But they hope the plans will be boosted after being included in a a major "opportunity site" for investors in the Stourbridge Area Action Plan.

The Angel Triangle is owned by Tesco, who bought up most of the site in 2007 with options on the rest as part of plans to build a 65,000 sq ft store on the land. The plans were rejected by Dudley Council and a legal battle ensued, which was dropped by Tesco.

Meanwhile advertising hoardings could be banned from Stourbridge ring road as part of plans to revamp the town centre.

The boards would not be allowed within 30 metres of the carriageway as the council tries to "loosen the collar" of the ring road. It comes as regeneration bosses draw up plans for four "gateways" around the road to open it up to pedestrians.

School overcomes threat of closure with good rating

A SCHOOL that was threatened with closure five years ago has received positive results in its latest Ofsted inspection. Parents were outraged when Halesowen CofE Primary was on the verge of closure as 37 per cent of places were unfilled.

The 174-year-old school ended up being saved after a public consultation when more than 1,500 people signed a petition. The report – which gives the school on overall "good" rating – says standards have improved since its last inspection in 2009 when it was graded satisfactory.

Inspectors told pupils and staff at the High Street school was good and improving constantly with good pupil achievement and attainment rising steadily.

In a letter sent to pupils, inspectors said: "We found you to be friendly, polite and very easy to talk with. You are very proud of your school and this is shown in the school song you wrote and performed so beautifully in the assembly."

Management

Inspectors found the school gave pupils a good start in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Leadership and management were good and the headteacher and other members of the senior leadership team provided "outstanding" leadership "which has brought about sustained improvement in key areas of the school's work," the report said.

Areas for improvement highlighted in the report included recommendations to make work more challenging for some key stage one pupils and to match tasks to individual's needs.

Head Angela Hannaway said: "It is a tremendous achievement for our school – we are extremely proud of our children, our staff and our community."

Adventurer due to give cycling talk in town hall

CYCLING adventurer Vin Cox is visiting Stourbridge to talk about his exploits.

Mr Cox is delivering the latest in the Stourbridge Celebrity Lectures programme in Stourbridge Town Hall on March 29 at 7.45pm.

In February 2010 the champion cyclo-cross racer, mountain biker, mountaineer, and long-distance trekker set off to cycle around the world.

Within just six months he had cycled more than 18,000 miles through 17 countries and entered the Guinness Book of Records. The adventure made more than £100,000 for charity.

Derby-born Mr Cox will tell his adventures.

Tickets for the evening cost £6 and are available from the upstairs coffee/book shop in the Mary Stevens Hospice Shop, High Street, Stourbridge.

Tickets will also be available on the door.

Climate winners

Celebrating pupils from St Joseph's RC Primary School

PUPILS at a Stourbridge school have been coming up with imaginative ways to help the environment as part of a national competition.

A group of pupils from Year 4 at St Joseph's RC Primary brainstormed ideas before entering them into the Climate Week Challenge. They will now be judged by a panel including Autumnwatch's Kate Humble, adventurer Bruce Parry and Spooks star Sophia Myles.

Their ideas included a chair made of paper and a bin that sets off an alarm if the wrong kinds of materials are disposed of.

They also designed play equipment that stores up children's energy and uses it to power lights at the school.

Teacher Lorraine Cooper said: "It was a great chance for pupils to put their learning about climate change into practice. They came up with really imaginative ideas and showed a real understanding of the effects of climate change."

Old boiler house flats proposal

THE BOILER House at the former Wordsley Hospital is going to be transformed into apartments as part of the latest stage of a major redevelopment of the site.

Ambitious plans to create more than 300 new homes on the landmark hospital site are well underway after initial permission was given for work to start six years ago. The latest application will see the conversion of the original boiler house at the hospital, which closed in 2005.

Sale to help maintain village hall

A TABLE top sale is to be held in a hamlet near Stourbridge in order to raise much-needed money to cover running costs for the village hall.

Trustees in Stourton have organised the sale which will be held at the village hall on April 28.

They are urging traders who would like to book a table to get in touch.

There is a cost of £10 for a table at the event for people to sell items such as bric-a-brac, home-made crafts and foods.

Tables are paid for on booking and traders who wish to bring along their own tables to display items are welcome to do so.

Self-funding

Doors will be open at 9.30pm for people to set up their stalls and it will open to the public at 10am. Admission for visitors is £1 for adults and children get in free. Secretary for the trustees Margaret Rogers said: "The village hall opened in 1969 and is totally self-funding.

"Much of the work on its upkeep is carried out voluntarily.

"All monies raised from the event will go back into the hall to cover running expenses."

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HOW GOD MADE THE ENGLISH
BBC2, 8.20pm

For a long time, received wisdom suggested that God had a beard, was in His late fifties, lived in the Cotswolds and drank Earl Grey. The English have long claimed the supreme being as their own. Well, this new documentary series may or may not dissuade the masses from embracing that long-held belief. It seems the English may not have as much in common with God as they had hoped. In episode two, A Tolerant Nation?, Diarmaid MacCulloch, presenter of the award-winning series A History of Christianity, challenges the commonly held assumption that the English are historically exceptionally tolerant.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. **2.15** John Bishop's Sport Relief Hell. (R) **3.15** Sport Relief 2012: The Best Bits. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** A Question of Sport: Extra Time.

6.00 Winter Wipeout Celebrity Special. Connie Fisher, Eddie 'the Eagle' Edwards and Tony Mortimer tackle the course.
7.00 The Voice UK. New series. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates co-host this singing contest, in which Tom Jones, Jessie J, Will.i.am and Danny O'Donoghue seek out the nation's best vocal talent.
8.20 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Quiz show, hosted by Dale Winton. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
9.10 Casualty. The investigation into the allegation of assault made against Sam begins.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Chelsea v Tottenham Hotspur; National Lottery Update.
11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

2.00 (BST) Weatherview. **2.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.05** CBBC. **12.00** Film: Anchors Aweigh. (1945) Musical, starring Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly. **2.15** Film: Camelot. (1967) Musical, starring Richard Harris. **5.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.50** Flog It!

6.50 Dad's Army. (R)
7.20 The Story of Light Entertainment. Stephen Fry presents a history of music programmes, from their roots in variety performances to today's popular shows. Includes a contribution by Simon Cowell.
8.20 How God Made the English. Diarmaid McCulloch scrutinises England's reputation as a tolerant nation, challenging the commonly held view that the trait evolved as a result of the Enlightenment.
9.20 FILM: Bright Star. (2009) Premiere. Biopic telling the story of 19th-century poet John Keats' three-year relationship with neighbour Fanny Brawne. Starring Ben Whishaw, Abbie Cornish and Paul Schneider.
11.10 The Sarah Millican Television Programme. Sarah talks about food and survival programmes, with Charley Boorman and Olly Smith. (R)
11.40 FILM: Synecdoche, New York. (2008) Premiere. Drama, starring Philip Seymour Hoffman.

2.40 Film: (BST) Caramel. (2007) Premiere. Comedy, starring Nadine Labaki. **4.10** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** This Morning: Saturday. **12.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.25** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **1.55** Film: The 'Burbs. (1989) Black comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **3.45** Film: Land of the Lost. (2009) Premiere. Comedy adventure, starring Will Ferrell. **5.30** Regional News ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates camcorder calamities.
6.30 All Star Family Fortunes.
7.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp. The funnyman presents the final Burp in the present run. Last in the series.
8.00 Britain's Got Talent. New series. Ant and Dec kick off the sixth season of the talent show, with new judges David Walliams and Alesha Dixon joining Amanda Holden and Simon Cowell on the panel.
9.20 Take Me Out. Another batch of hopefuls takes part.
10.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Danny DeVito, Dara O Briain and Labrinth. Last in the series.
11.20 ITV News; Weather.
11.35 The Cube. A sales assistant and a retired theatre worker take part. Last in the series. (R)

12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** (BST) In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. The British wheelchair rugby team prepares for the Games. (R) **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Koko Pop. **9.25** T4: The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!: T4 Movie Special. **9.55** T4: The Album Chart Show Introduces: Emeli Sande. (R) **10.15** T4: Charlie's Angels. **11.15** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.20 Come Dine with Me. Matt Wilcox hosts the final dinner party in Stoke-on-Trent. (R)
6.50 4thought.tv.
6.55 Channel 4 News.
7.25 River Cottage Veg. Cooking with summer garden vegetables. (R)
8.20 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. The battle of Dale Farm. (R)
9.20 The Million Pound Drop Live. New series. Davina McCall returns with the high-pressure quiz show. Rochelle Wiseman and Mollie King from the Saturdays join members of the public as they compete to win £1million.
11.05 FILM: Jennifer's Body. (2009) Premiere. Horror, starring Megan Fox.

2.00 Film: (BST) The Vault of Horror. (1973) Horror anthology, starring Daniel Massey. **3.30** Reaper. (R) **4.10** I Hate That Smile. (R) **4.15** Countdown. (R) **5.00** Film: Railroaded. (1947) Thriller, starring John Ireland.

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Inside Hollywood. (R) **10.05** The Hunger Games: Movie Special. **10.35** Building the Super Tower: Megastructures. (R) **11.35** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **12.40** Film: Short Circuit 2. (1988) **2.45** Film: Contact. (1997) Sci-fi drama, starring Jodie Foster. **5.25** Film: Daddy Day Care. (2003) Family comedy, starring Eddie Murphy.

7.20 5 News Weekend.
7.25 NCIS. Part one of two. The agents travel to LA to work with another NCIS team on an investigation that escalates into a high-priority case, and Tony begins to pry into Ziva's life. (R)
8.10 NCIS. The team members are surprised when Gibbs asks Tony's father to join them on a murder investigation. Guest starring Robert Wagner. (R)
9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Hodges and Wendy attend a sci-fi convention, but the event is disrupted by the murder of a TV producer. Featuring cameos by the stars of genre shows including Battlestar Galactica. (R)
10.00 CSI: NY. The case against alleged rapist John Curtis is put in jeopardy.
10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.
11.50 Inside Hollywood. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** (BST) Great Scientists. (R) **4.25** Great Scientists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
3.05 American Idol **5.55** Film: Flipper (1996) **8.00** Homes from Hell **9.00** Planet's Funniest Animals **9.20** Britain's Got More Talent. New series. Stephen Mulhern goes behind the scenes of the show and talks to presenters Ant and Dec, as well as judges David Walliams, Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and Simon Cowell. **10.20** Take Me Out — The Gossip **11.05** Celebrity Juice **11.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

ITV3
2.50 Film: Agatha Christie's Murder in Three Acts (1986) **4.50** Rosemary & Thyme **5.50** A Touch of Frost **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Those Who Kill

ITV4
2.20 Film: The War Wagon (1967) **4.25** Film: The Spy Who Loved Me (1977) **7.00** Whisker Wars **8.00** Rookie Builders **9.00** Film: Moonraker (1979) Adventure, starring Roger Moore. **11.30** Film: The Game (1997)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **7.50** Top Gear **8.50** World's Craziest Fools **9.20** JLS Sing for Sport Relief **10.50** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Lost Cities of the Ancients **8.00** Monty Don's Italian Gardens **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.45** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.20** Lost Cities of the Ancients

E4
1.45 Hollyoaks **4.20** Rules of Engagement **4.50** Scrubs **5.45** The Big Bang Theory **7.05** How I Met Your Mother **7.35** Rules of Engagement **8.35** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: Independence Day (1996) **11.55** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
3.05 Guess Who (2005) **5.10** Eragon (2006) **7.10** Bedazzled (2000) Fantasy comedy remake, starring Brendan Fraser. **9.00** Dogma (1999) Comedy fantasy, starring Matt Damon and Ben Affleck. **11.25** Bug (2006)

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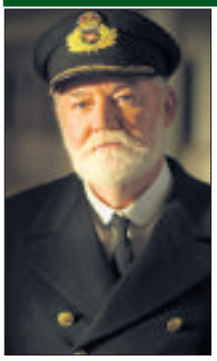

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ITV1, 9pm

The problem with bringing a true-life story to the screen is that everybody knows how it's going to end. So what can a writer to do keep the humble viewer on the edge of their seats? Well, if you're Julian Fellowes, the answer is to make the tale more human. Now, after weeks of seeing tantalising trailers, Fellowes' lavish, four-part take on the sinking of the Titanic is here at last, and we'll be able to see for ourselves whether he's managed to breathe new life into a story we probably think we already know inside out. The opening edition introduces viewers to the wide variety of people about to board the ship in Southampton. Linus Roache, Celia Imrie and Sophie Winkleman star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Sport Relief 2012: The Mile Show. **2.45** Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix. **4.40** The Food Inspectors. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Land Girls. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury explore Leicestershire. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team revisit the Yorkshire Museum in York, where the main item of interest is a cocoa tin found in Captain Scott's tent during the 1910 Terra Nova expedition.
9.00 Upstairs Downstairs. Lady Agnes returns home, desperate to heal her marriage, and Sir Hallam is more than willing to make amends. But a dark discovery has explosive consequences. Last in the series.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 We Won't Drop the Baby. A couple with cerebral palsy prepare to have their second baby.
11.15 Sport Relief Weekend 2012.

12.30 Weatherview. **12.35** Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **1.15** Holby City. (R) **2.15** Question Time. (R) **3.15** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) **11.30** Escape to the Country. **12.30** The Sheriffs Are Coming. **1.15** EastEnders. **3.10** Film: Carry On Again, Doctor. (1969) Comedy, starring Sid James. **4.35** Film: Carry On at Your Convenience. (1971) Comedy, starring Sid James.

6.00 TOTP2: Boy Bands. Performances by JLS, the Monkees, Westlife, Village People and Blazin' Squad. (R)
7.00 Sandhurst. New series. Documentary following cadets at the Royal Military Academy as they undergo an arduous training programme in a bid to become British Army officers. Previously shown on BBC4.
8.00 Top Gear. Further highlights from the show's 17th and 18th series, in which Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May got up to more motoring mischief.
9.00 In Orbit: How Satellites Rule Our World. Maggie Aderin-Pocock reveals how satellites help everyday life run smoothly.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Highlights of West Bromwich Albion v Newcastle United.
10.50 Mr Rich and the Terriers. An American billionaire sponsors a Northumbrian non-league football club.
11.20 Football League Trophy Highlights.

12.00 Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix. (R) **2.00** BBC News. **4.00** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **1.55** Film: Murder, She Wrote: The Celtic Riddle. (2003) **3.35** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.35** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **5.50** Regional News; Weather.

6.05 ITV News; Weather.
6.20 Harry Hill's TV Burp. The funnyman presents the final Burp in the present run. Last in the series. (R)
6.50 Dancing on Ice. The celebrity skating contest reaches its climax as the three remaining stars battle it out in the hope of succeeding last year's winner Sam Attwater. Last in the series.
9.00 Titanic. New series. Epic drama re-telling the story of the maritime disaster. People from all walks of life board the liner at Southampton, unaware what lies ahead. Linus Roache stars. The four-part drama concludes on April 15 – the 100th anniversary of the real-life disaster.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 Perspectives: David Suchet – People I Have Shot. The actor photographs people across Britain, including the Queen.
11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.

12.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** River Monsters. (R) **3.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.30** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **7.55** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Hannah Cockroft – Part Two. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Film: Failure to Launch. (2006) Romantic comedy, with Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew McConaughey. **3.10** Deal or No Deal. **4.10** Time Team. **5.15** Channel 4 News. **5.45** 4thought.tv. **5.50** Film: Avatar. (2009) Premiere. Sci-fi adventure, starring Sam Worthington.

9.00 Homeland. The CIA director is reeling after losing key players in the Nazir plot, so Carrie suggests lie-detector tests on everybody, believing she can finally get the truth from Brody.
10.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.
11.30 FILM: The Illusionist. (2006) A magician in early 20th-century Vienna tries to stop the love of his life from marrying a ruthless prince. Mystery thriller, with Edward Norton.

1.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.00** Reaper. (R) **3.45** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Riley refuses to allow Mercedes to attend Bobby's christening. Barney suffers a terrifying encounter, and Dennis returns from India with a secret.

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.25** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.20** Stansted: The Inside Story. (R) **12.20** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.25** Film: The Shootist. (1976) Western, starring John Wayne. **3.20** Film: Tunes of Glory. (1960) Drama, starring Alec Guinness and John Mills. **5.20** Film: Battle of Britain. (1969) Second World War drama, starring Laurence Olivier.

8.00 Battle of Britain: The Lost Evidence. The tactics that won the 114-day air conflict. (R)
8.55 5 News.
9.00 FILM: Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines. (2003) Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Nick Stahl.
11.10 FILM: Timecop. (1994) Sci-fi adventure, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme.

1.05 SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
2.25 Film: The NeverEnding Story (1984) **4.20** Britain's Got Talent **5.40** Britain's Got More Talent **6.40** Film: E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) **9.00** Benidorm. Liam thinks his luck is in when the girls' Olympic synchronised swimming team arrives at the hotel — but they seem more interested in joining a booze cruise. **10.00** Film: Waterworld (1995)

ITV3
3.00 Torvill & Dean: Dancing on Ice Tour 2011 **4.05** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** An Audience with Freddie Starr **10.00** Film: The Green Mile (1999)

ITV4
1.45 Film: Moonraker (1979) **4.15** Film: Spartacus (1960) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: For Your Eyes Only (1981) **11.40** Film: Full Metal Jacket (1987)

BBC THREE
7.00 The Secrets of Everything **7.30** Great Movie Mistakes 2011: NOT IN 3D **7.40** The Voice UK **9.00** Being Human **10.00** Pramface **10.30** Family Guy **11.15** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Songwriters' Circle: Country **8.00** She-Wolves: England's Early Queens **9.00** Angelic Voices: The Choristers of Salisbury Cathedral **10.30** The Choir: Military Wives

E4
3.40 Film: Star Trek: Insurrection (1998) **5.45** Film: Picture Perfect (1997) **7.40** Samantha Who? **8.05** 90210 **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Skins

FILM4
2.50 Tales from Earthsea (2006) **5.05** Big Momma's House 2 (2006) **7.00** Life or Something Like It (2002) Comedy, starring Angelina Jolie and Edward Burns. **9.00** Coco before Chanel (2009) Premiere. Biopic of the fashion designer, starring Audrey Tautou. **11.10** Naked (1993)

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** The 1952 Show. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** The Sheriffs Are Coming. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Secrets and Words. **2.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Bang Goes the Theory; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Murdoch's TV Pirates — Panorama. **9.00** Empire. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** One Night. **11.35** Late Kick Off. **12.05** Who Do You Think You Are? US. (R) **12.50** Weatherview. **12.55** Sign Zone: Letting Go. (R) **1.40** Great British Food Revival. (R) **2.40** Hidden. (R) **3.40** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** My Life in Books. (R) **1.30** Living Dangerously. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! Ten of the Best. **4.30** Breakaway. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Just a Minute. **6.30** Eggheads. **7.00** A Very British Holiday: A Wonderland Film. **8.00** Chaplains: Angels of Mersey. **8.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. **9.00** The Tube. **10.00** Watson & Oliver. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** In Orbit: How Satellites Rule Our World. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **2.15** The Super League Show. **3.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** The Dales. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Scott & Bailey. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Agenda. **11.05** Mayday Mayday. (R) **11.35** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: David Hasselhoff. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Champions League Weekly. **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss USA. (R) **10.00** The Food Hospital. (R) **11.00** You Deserve This House. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. **12.35** Film: Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines. (1965) Period comedy, starring Terry-Thomas. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Four in a Bed. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Supersize vs Superskinny. **9.00** Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. **10.00** Facejacker. **10.30** Hit the Road Jack. **11.05** Random Acts. **11.10** Desperate Housewives. **12.05** Poker. **1.05** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. **1.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **2.00** The Grid. (R) **2.30** Ultimate Frisbee. (R) **2.35** Late Night Poker. (R) **3.30** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Gymnastics. (R) **3.35** That Paralympic Show. (R) **4.05** Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. Last in the series. **5.00** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Helen Turner. (R) **5.05** Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Emergency Bikers. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Mentalist. (R) **3.10** Film: Nora Roberts' Northern Lights. (2009) Premiere. Romantic mystery, starring Eddie Cibrian and LeAnn Rimes. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Inside the Titanic. (R) **9.00** Film: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves. (1991) An outlawed English nobleman recruits a group of bandits to fight for justice and protect the downtrodden. Action adventure, with Kevin Costner, Alan Rickman and Morgan Freeman. **12.05** Gladiator: The True Story. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** The 1952 Show. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** The Sheriffs Are Coming. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Secrets and Words. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** The Syndicate. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. **10.35** One Night. **11.35** The Estate. **12.05** Film: Wishful Thinking. (1996) Romantic comedy, starring Drew Barrymore. **1.30** Weatherview. **1.35** Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) **2.35** Exile. (R) **3.35** Great British Food Revival. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** My Life in Books. (R) **1.30** Animal Park. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! Ten of the Best. **4.30** Breakaway. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Just a Minute. **6.30** Eggheads. **7.00** This World: The Women Candidate. **8.00** The Hairy Bikers' Bakeation. **9.00** Horizon: Global Weirding. **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** WikiLeaks: The Secret Life of a Superpower. (R) **12.20** How God Made the English. (R) **1.20** BBC News. **3.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Countrywise Kitchen. **8.00** Homes from Hell. (R) **9.00** Fraud Squad. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Benidorm. (R) **11.35** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Crossing Jordan. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss USA. (R) **10.00** The Food Hospital. (R) **11.00** You Deserve This House. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. **12.35** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.45** Film: Darby's Rangers. (1957) Second World War adventure, starring James Garner. **3.05** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Will Bayley – Part Two. (R) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Four in a Bed. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Supersize vs Superskinny. **9.00** Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. **10.00** Facejacker. **10.30** Hit the Road Jack. **11.05** Random Acts. **11.10** Desperate Housewives. **12.05** Poker. **1.05** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. **1.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **2.00** The Grid. (R) **2.30** Ultimate Frisbee. (R) **2.35** Late Night Poker. (R) **3.30** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Gymnastics. (R) **3.35** That Paralympic Show. (R) **4.05** Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. Last in the series. **5.00** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Helen Turner. (R) **5.05** Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Emergency Bikers. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: The Perfect Teacher. (2010) Premiere. Thriller. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers; (R) 5 News. **8.00** WWI Top Gun: Revealed; 5 News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.00** CSI: NY. (R) **11.00** CSI: Miami. (R) **11.55** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **12.50** Inside Hollywood. **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** The 1952 Show. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** The Sheriffs Are Coming. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Secrets and Words. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Cash Britain; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Waterloo Road. **9.00** The Apprentice. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** One Night; National Lottery Update. **11.45** Film: Poltergeist. (1982) Horror, starring JoBeth Williams. **1.35** Weatherview. **1.40** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **2.10** Upstairs Downstairs. (R) **3.10** Watchdog. (R) **4.10** Britain's First Photo Album. (R) **4.40** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Film: Here Comes Mr Jordan. (1941) **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Animal Park. **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! Ten of the Best. **4.30** Breakaway. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Just a Minute. **6.30** Eggheads. **7.00** Escape to the Country. **7.30** Watson & Oliver. (R) **8.00** The Fisherman's Apprentice with Monty Halls. **9.00** WikiLeaks: The Secret Life of a Superpower. **10.00** The Apprentice: You're Fired! **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Storyville: The Biggest Chinese Restaurant in the World. **12.20** Medium. (R) **1.45** BBC News. **3.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Live UEFA Champions League. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** UEFA Champions League: Extra Time. **11.35** Road Warriors. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News. **2.30** Film: The Day of the Jackal. (1973) **4.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** Sali Mali. (R) **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss USA. (R) **10.00** The Food Hospital. (R) **11.00** You Deserve This House. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. **12.35** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.40** Film: Action in the North Atlantic. (1943) Second World War naval adventure, with Humphrey Bogart. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Four in a Bed. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Four Rooms. **9.00** One Born Every Minute. **10.00** 10 O'Clock Live. **10.55** Facejacker. (R) **11.25** Hit the Road Jack. **12.10** Random Acts. **12.15** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. **12.35** Music on 4: The Album Chart Show: Spotlight. **12.50** Music on 4: Black Cab Sessions. **1.20** Music on 4: 4Play: The Civil Wars. **1.35** Music on 4; 4Play: All the Young. (R) **1.50** Music on 4: The Great Escape Festival 2011. (R) **2.15** Music on 4: Ibiza Rocks. (R) **2.45** Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. (R) **3.30** One Man Walking. (R) **3.50** Privileged. (R) **4.30** 90210. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** London: The Inside Story. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.10** Film: Mary Higgins Clark's Remember Me. (1995) **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Police Interceptors; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Big Body Squad; 5 News at 9. **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **11.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. **11.55** Poker: The Big Game. **12.55** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** The 1952 Show. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** The Sheriffs Are Coming. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Secrets and Words. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Watchdog. **9.00** The Honeymoon Murder. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Question Time. **11.35** This Week. **12.20** Skiing Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Murdoch's TV Pirates — Panorama. (R) **12.55** Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Hidden. (R) **2.55** Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey. (R) **3.55** Britain's First Photo Album. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Film: Return of the Bad Men. (1948) Western, starring Randolph Scott. **1.30** Animal Park. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! Ten of the Best. **4.30** Breakaway. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Just a Minute. **6.30** Eggheads. **7.00** The Hairy Bikers' Bakeation. (R) **8.00** Natural World: Queen of the Savannah. **9.00** White Heat. **10.00** The Sarah Millican Television Programme. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** The Tube. (R) **12.20** Medium. (R) **1.45** BBC News. **3.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Bamber — The New Evidence: Tonight. **8.00** Emmerdale. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Love Life. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Jonathan Ross Show. (R) **11.35** Take Me Out. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Bamber — The New Evidence: Tonight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** Sali Mali. (R) **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss USA. (R) **10.00** The Food Hospital. (R) **11.00** You Deserve This House. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. **12.35** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.50** Film: The Electric Horseman. (1979) Drama, starring Robert Redford and Jane Fonda. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Four in a Bed. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Get Your House in Order. **9.00** Mary's Bottom Line. **10.00** Death Row. **11.00** Random Acts. **11.05** Embarrassing Bodies. (R) **12.10** The Shooting Gallery: China. **1.05** China: Triumph and Turmoil. (R) **2.00** Rare Chicken Rescue. (R) **2.30** The Bible: A History. (R) **3.25** The Crucified Soldier. (R) **4.20** Time Team. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** London: The Inside Story. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: The Nanny Express. (2008) Family drama, starring Vanessa Marcil. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Holiday Heaven on Earth. Amsterdam, San Diego and Jordan. **7.30** Live UEFA Europa League Football. A quarter-final first-leg match. **10.15** Film: The Glimmer Man. (1996) A New York detective heads to Los Angeles to investigate a series of ritual killings, but ends up as the chief suspect. Action thriller, with Steven Seagal and Keenen Ivory Wayans. **12.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Friday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** The 1952 Show. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** The Sheriffs Are Coming. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Secrets and Words. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Titanic with Len Goodman. **9.00** New Tricks. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** One Night. **11.35** The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. **11.45** Film: Man on Fire. (2004) Action thriller, with Denzel Washington. **2.00** Weatherview. **2.05** Sign Zone: Natural World: Madagascar, Lemurs and Spies. (R) **3.05** Question Time. (R) **4.05** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.50** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Film: A Stitch in Time. (1963) Slapstick comedy, starring Norman Wisdom. **1.30** Weakest Link. **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! Ten of the Best. **4.30** Breakaway. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Just a Minute. **6.30** Eggheads. **7.00** Coast. **7.30** Mastermind. **8.00** Mastermind. **8.30** Gardeners' World. **9.00** Reverse Missionaries. **10.00** Twenty Twelve. **10.30** Newsnight. **11.00** The Review Show. **11.45** Weather. **11.50** Film: The Year of Living Dangerously. (1982) Political thriller, starring Mel Gibson. **1.40** BBC News. **4.05** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Poms in Paradise. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Benidorm. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Words of Captain Scott. **11.35** When Ali Came to Britain. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Film: Zeppelin. (1971) First World War adventure, starring Michael York. **4.15** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** Sali Mali. (R) **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Secret Millionaire USA. (R) **10.00** The Food Hospital. (R) **11.00** You Deserve This House. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. **12.35** Channel 4 Presents — 2012: Will Bayley — Part Two. (R) **12.40** Film: Ice Cold in Alex. (1958) Second World War drama, starring John Mills. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Four in a Bed. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Come Dine with Me. **9.00** The Million Pound Drop Live. **10.35** Rude Tube: Total Stunts. (R) **11.40** The Mad Bad Ad Show. **12.25** Film: Le Donk & Scor-zay-zee. (2009) Spoof documentary, starring Paddy Considine. **1.45** Random Acts. **1.50** My Name Is Earl. (R) **2.40** Hung. (R) **3.35** A Ninja Is for Life, Not Just for Christmas. (R) **3.40** Reasons to Be Cheerful: Hallo Friend. (R) **3.55** Privileged. (R) **4.35** 90210. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

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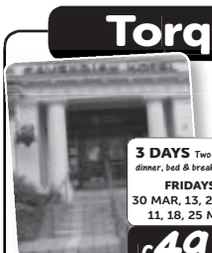

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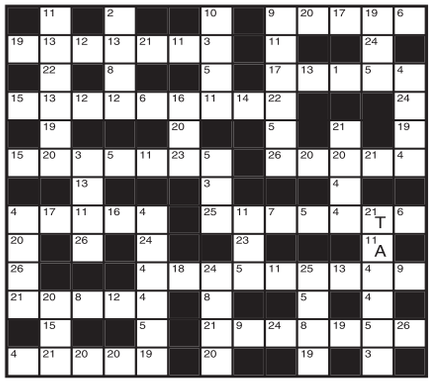

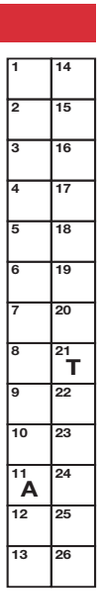

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Double Crossword

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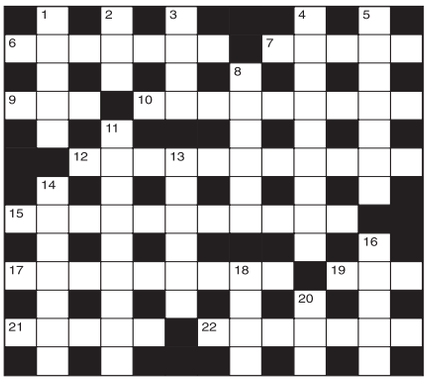

Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. He foresees a hold-up with the reform (7)
7. A fair race? (5)
9. A child of spirit (3)
10. Deep feeling trouble with an allowance (9)
12. Naughty Mica eats pie and gets blood poisoning (11)
15. Not the best moment to sort things out (6-5)
17. A question of personal welfare (3,3,3)
19. A punitive measure (3)
21. Get down to making a proposal? (5)
22. A title indeed much wished for (7)

Down

1. Family worry? (5)
2. Man of intelligence? (3)
3. The best part of a play (4)
4. Was given a grammatical definition (4,5)
5. It may be left on the river-bed or in the bank (7)
8. Nucleobase found initially under rocks and concealed in lichens (6)
11. An extraordinary deed or act may get you this (9)
13. Put to rights, it went back and expired (6)
14. Tell a story about a foreign nobleman (7)
16. Figures it's only one among hundreds (5)
18. Finished in a superior position (4)
20. The energy of six thousand (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

6. Deceive (7)
7. Calm (5)
9. Merry (3)
10. Litter (9)
12. Liberation (11)
15. Narrator (5-6)
17. Food (9)
19. Attempt (3)
21. The pick (5)
22. Nimbleness (7)

Down

1. Rot (5)
2. Sever (3)
3. Level (4)
4. Buyer (9)
5. Protection (7)
8. Disclose (6)
11. Corruption (9)
13. Chant (6)
14. Alarm (7)
16. Hackneyed (5)
18. Brink (4)
20. Aged (3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Spirited reply; 8 Staccato; 9 Done; 10 Fierce; 12 Appals; 14 Assist; 16 Evolve; 18 Hand; 20 Made sure; 22 Infant prodigy. Down: 1 Upstairs; 2 Grocer; 3 Etna; 4 Advocate; 5 Held up; 6 Flan; 11 Estimate; 13 Leverage; 15 Indian; 17 On side; 19 Anna; 21 Dart. QUICK - Across: 7 Red Riding Hood; 8 Accepted; 9 Vend; 10 Caress; 12 Berate; 14 Stupor; 16 Endear; 18 Hero; 20 Remember; 22 Dispassionate. Down: 1 Penchant; 2 Grieve; 3 Edit; 4 Inedible; 5 Shiver; 6 Gown; 11 Surprise; 13 Travesty; 15 Prompt; 17 Dement; 19 Exit; 21 Main.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

	3			7				2
7	6	4			2		8	
		8				3		9
		3	5					
8			9		6			5
	9	6		4	8	1		
1				8		7		
	5		1			9	6	
6				5			1	

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	8	7	2	6	3	5	9	1
2	5	6	9	7	1	3	4	8
9	3	1	5	8	4	6	7	2
8	1	3	6	2	7	9	5	4
7	4	2	3	5	9	8	1	6
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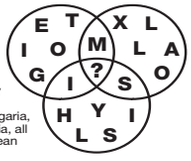
6	9	5	7	4	2	1	8	3
1	2	4	8	3	5	7	6	9
3	7	8	1	9	6	4	2	5

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is B. Bulgaria, Belarus, Albania, all Eastern European countries.

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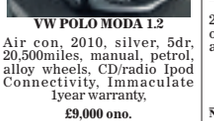

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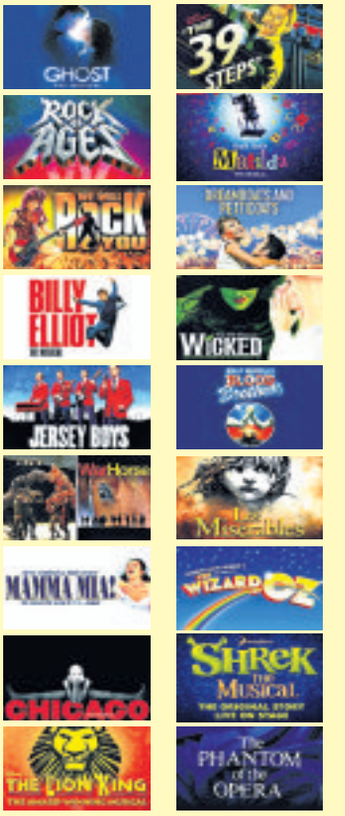

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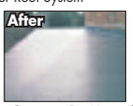

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The new generation of badge snobs is growing

ANALYSIS from Glass's, the valuation expert, has revealed that the current generation of motorists has moved away from the mass-market sector with sales of 'prestige' car marques such as BMW, Mercedes and Audi now making up a quarter of all new car sales in the UK.

This is compared to just 10 per cent of sales 20 years ago, suggesting we are increasingly becoming a nation of badge snobs, happy to pay a premium to get the 'right' brand of car.

However, it is not just the prestige sector which is capturing the imagination of a generation of motorists – the 'value' sector has also made huge gains in recent years, with market share of budget brands such as Skoda and Hyundai increasing 400 per cent .

Scrappage

This ever-growing sector now makes up 10 per cent of new car sales – compared to just two per cent 20 years ago.

However, the vast majority of growth in this sector has been as a result of the scrappage scheme which allowed already 'budget' cars to be purchased with a further £2,000 off their list price – meaning that many could, for the first time, afford to buy a brand new car. Adrian Rushmore, Glass's managing editor, explains: "Britons increasingly want to be 'individual' in their choice of car – many mass market cars are seen as 'same again' and just aren't as distinctive or appealing enough.

"Many consumers still have a perception that mass market cars aren't built to last in the same way the prestige car marques are, despite the strides that all manufacturers have made in this area in recent years.

"Added to this, more affordable models from prestige brands have emerged in recent years with Mercedes offering the A-Class, Audi offering the A1 and BMW offering the 1 Series."

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It has already won a handful of awards from both car enthusiasts and industry pundits: now Jaguar's new XJ flagship is 'going large' in the prestige limousine sector.

Luxury cars don't come much bigger than the stretched XJ, which gives its well-heeled owners plenty of room to stretch out in the back and enjoy its climate control, big armchairs and TV and audio toys.

At 5.2 metres, the long wheelbase version is a whole 134mm longer than the standard XJ, making it so roomy that even a former deputy prime minister should be able to manage with only one Jag.

If that isn't enough of a saving, the three litre diesel version provides the effortless performance you'd expect of such a car with fuel economy still on the plus side of 40mpg and a relatively low emissions figure of 184g/km, better than some family hatchbacks.

That's party due to its lightweight, all aluminium construction which also sharpens up its handling compared to some of its rivals. It also has an aerodynamic, couple-like profile which to a degree belies its size.

The surprise is, though, that the sweeping roofline doesn't rob you of space in the rear, as you sink into the deep leather armchairs and stretch out your legs.

It was a bold move by Jaguar to switch so drastically from the iconic XJ outline which has become so familiar over the last 40 years. But the bold move proved successful when the car became the number one choice for British business buyers in its first six months on sale.

Many such cars are, no doubt, bought by those who prefer to travel in the back, their laptops busy on the polished walnut tray table in front of them.

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Two-goal blast rocks Robins as they lose

Wolverhampton Casuals 2
Dudley Town 0

DUDLEY had the better of the early play in this West Midlands Premier match but eventually lost out to an in-form Casuals side chasing third place.

Casuals' best chance came just before half-time when Jonathan Aldridge should have scored with only keeper James Trevalen to beat but could only put his shot over the bar.

The Robins continued to threaten the home goal at the start of the second half as Casuals keeper Daniel Ware made a superb one-handed diving save to deny Brett McGilligan.

Dudley continued to press with Ben Store heading over and Shaquille Lee clawing Dreniz Bala's shot off the line.

But against the run of play Casuals rocked the visitors with two goals in as many minutes.

In the 65th minute Dean Clarke unleashed a tremendous right-foot shot to send the ball whistling past Trevalen.

Clarke struck again for the second goal.

He was first to react, slotting the loose ball into the net after substitute Daniel Westwood's shot had rebounded off a Dudley defender.

Casuals' pleasure in victory was marred by the sending-off of substitute Simon Rowley.

Match ban reduced for 'spit' player

A RIVAL rugby player found guilty of spitting at a female spectator during a Stourbridge Lions match has had his ban reduced.

Uttoxeter wing Paul Milward was initially suspended for a year. He was convicted of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the game when he faced a disciplinary panel.

Milward appealed against both conviction and sentence. The hearing upheld the finding of guilt from December's abandoned Midlands Three West North match.

But it reduced the length of suspension to nine weeks, meaning Milward will be free to play from May 7.

Eye injury makes bout a draw for Jamie

by Craig Birch

COSELEY'S Jamie Ball fell foul of the British Boxing Board of Control Rules in his English light-middleweight title eliminator at the New Bingley Hall in Birmingham.

Ball's contest with fellow undefeated fighter Nasser Al Harbi ended in a deflating technical draw on the Dave Coldwell-promoted bill.

'The Black Country Bully' and the hometown prospect left with their undefeated streaks intact on 13 wins each, but neither will be pleased at the outcome.

It all swung on a cut Al Harbi received to the right eye requiring three stitches in the fourth round, seemingly from a left hook from Ball, which referee Terry O'Connor ruled a clash of heads.

O'Connor had also scored Al Harbi the winner of the three previous rounds despite the third session, where Ball had come on strong and looked to be setting a new pace.

Ball said: "My adrenaline was still pumping at the time and I wanted to carry on, it was turning into a good fight, I am always a slow starter and I was just getting into the swing if things.

"I was enjoying the fight, probably he was the same so, hopefully, we can both move on from this."

The evening's title fight saw Birmingham's Terry Carruthers take the British Masters middleweight title at the expense of Stourbridge's Kevin McCauley.

McCauley is Brighton-born and a West Midlands resident for the second time after moving back for a second time recently and, boxing back out of the region, came together with the Brummie scrapper.

Carruthers thought he had scored a knockdown in the second round after a flurry of punches, but referee O'Connor ruled McCauley had slipped and the contest swayed in a see-saw manner.

McCauley experienced success by feigning right hands and moving in with left uppercuts and it was such a blow that sliced Carruthers open in round seven, but the cut was closed in the corner.

To his credit, Carruthers tucked up and was clinical in his work from then on and that's what won him the fight on points by three rounds, by 97-94.

In his professional debut, Dudley's Riswan Rasool turned over by edging past Dan Carr in a hard-fought lightweight contest over four rounds.

The 30-year-old hadn't been in a competitive ring for over a decade and wasn't given an easy ride by Carr, who really shook the new-boy with a left hook that had him wobbling in the first round.

Rasool survived but took constant breathers by holding although he lasted the pace.

With the scores tied in the last round, Rasool used his languid style to hit a deft shot on the turn as Carr came into the ropes and that's what won him the fight on points, by 38-39.

Volunteer keeper's Wright in the action

Stourbridge U10 0
Kewford East 3

VOLUNTEER keeper Jack Wright was picking the ball out of the net within the first minute in freezing and wet conditions.

Stourbridge failed to clear a cross and a Kewford striker turned the ball into the net.

Kewford quickly extended the lead with a brace of carbon copy goals from corners. Two excellent deliveries saw the striker nip in to score on each occasion.

Stourbridge then settled down and started to make a game of it.

Jack Teigh took a turn in goal in the second period with the goalkeeping position still unfilled.

Stourbridge U12B 2
Legion Lions 0

Sam Green quickly opened the scoring for Stourbridge. They kept up the pressure and Liam Hands got a second before half-time.

The Lions responded in the second half and pushed goalkeeper Freddie Clewes into a number of good saves.

Ulverley Hawks Black 3
Stourbridge U13B 1

Stourbridge U15B 5
West Hagley South 1

Stourbridge, with their goalkeeper still out injured, played particularly well to lead 3-0 by half-time.

The victory put them sixth in the league table.

Harry Greatwich scored twice with Cory Grey and Travis Stringer also on the scoresheet and there was a goal on his birthday for Matthew Nicklin.

Sam repels the Sports

Dudley Sports 1 Wednesfield 3

WEDNESFIELD keeper Sam Arnold was a big factor in Dudley Sports' West Midlands Premier defeat.

He repelled first-half efforts by Matt Holloway, Matt Preston and Craig Tibbetts.

Sam Pearson in the Sports goal made a stunning save on the stroke of half-time. However, from the resulting corner Wednesfield scored when Danny Forward forced the ball home from close range.

Sports levelled on 70 minutes through Josh Taylor.

But goals from Lee Butler and Paul Sullivan clinched it for the visitors.

Welborn's warning to title challenger Flinn

DUDLEY BOXER Jason Welborn has warned Midlands title challenger James Flinn: "I don't know what either of us will do if we lose."

Welborn will put his belt up for grabs against Coventry's Flinn at Wolverhampton Civic Hall tomorrow night, live on BoxNation.

The stakes are high for both fighters – not only is the area's welterweight crown on the line, but also a potential shot at the English title.

by Craig Birch

For Welborn, it's the gateway to national honours after snatching the belt from another Coventry fighter, Sean McKervey, in November.

For Flinn, it's the road back to a shot at the big time after he was stopped in eight rounds for the English title by Adil Anwar, also in November.

They serve as chief support bout on a televised bill at the Civic, and Welborn has declared that failure is not an option.

He said: "I have to keep it rolling now and the English title is what I want next, be that the new champion Lee Purdy or anyone else.

"I know what James is thinking, he's just come off the back of a loss and he thinks he will beat me and go back in for the English title.

"The problem is I am thinking the same and I don't know what either of us will do if we lose.

"But, when I have got my head right, I can't see people out there who can beat me."

The 25-year-old has given up his job as a scaffolder to concentrate on boxing full-time and is training twice a day. Welborn turned pro in 2005 but has competed just nine times, although four of those have come in the last year. Flinn, despite debuting in 2008, has 12 fights on his record – two have gone the 10-round title distance – and a fine amateur background.

The 30-year-old boxed for Wales and was ranked in the top five in the country, reaching a senior ABA championship semi-final in 2002. Welborn was the long-term sparring partner for British and Commonwealth title challenger Darren McDermott.

He said: "I know James' amateur background but I have been through a lot in the pro game and it's time to show him that.

"It's a different kettle of fish, it's harder at this level.

"He's a nice style boxer and we have been working on those styles in the gym."

For information, call the box office on 0870 320 7000 or promoter Paul 'PJ' Rowson on 07976 283 157. Some tickets will be available on the door.

Sykes to show bulldog spirit in rally challenge

STOURBRIDGE rally driver Richard Sykes will continue his quest for the 2012 BRC Challenge rally championship title at the weekend when he contests the Bulldog Challenge event.

He made an excellent start to the season in the opening round of the championship, taking second place on the Rallye Sunseeker Challenge in his Citroën C2 R2 Max.

Sykes is keen to put in another good performance on the Welshpool-based round two.

"The Sunseeker went really well for us, the pace at the top of the leaderboard was very quick so I was delighted to finish second," he Sykes.

"My aim for this season is to take the BRC Challenge title so I need another strong result next weekend.

"I'm really looking forward to the event, it uses some of the classic Welsh rally stages such as Dyfi and Gartheiniog and they are sure to provide a tough test for all the crews."

Sykes will be partnered by co-driver Simon Taylor on the event which will starts from Welshpool on Saturday.

Stourbridge rally driver Richard Sykes in action at the wheel of the Citroen

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Late goal clinches win for Glassboys

Stourbridge 2 Oxford City 0

THE GLASSBOYS had to dig deep to win a hard-fought contest against fellow Evo-Stik South Premier promotion contenders Oxford City.

The home side led thanks to a 13th-minute goal from Leon Broadhurst.

But they were forced to soak up a lot of pressure in the second period before Ben Billingham struck a second goal in stoppage time to seal victory.

Stourbridge started quite well and grabbed an early lead as Sam Rock found Billingham overlapping down the right.

He drove into the box before pulling the ball back to Rock, whose drive was saved by Jason Mooney only for Broadhurst to tuck away the rebound from eight yards.

After a slow start the visitors grew stronger as the half wore on.

They went close on 34 minutes when Wayne Blossom touched the ball to Chris Willmott on the left-hand edge of the box.

Angle

He turned the ball into the middle where Aaron Woodley put a side-footed volley over the home team's bar.

The Glassboys responded with John Griffin taking on Willmott on the right-hand side of the area and hitting a low shot from a tight angle that Mooney saved at his near post.

Oxford threatened again on 39 minutes with Andy Ballard heading wide from a left-wing corner from Darren Pond and three minutes later Stourbridge had an escape.

Declan Benjamin fed Pond whose low centre picked out Steve Basham for a stinging drive that Lewis Solly could only parry towards goal – but he reacted smartly to scramble back and push the ball clear before it could cross the line.

After the break, the hosts were quickly forced onto the defensive but stood firm with captain Sam Smith leading by example.

The visitors were a whisker away from an equaliser on 67 minutes as Basham laid the ball to Pond who shot inches wide of the post.

Two minutes later Solly pulled off a superb save from Oxford substitute Felipe Barcelos.

But a minute into stoppage time Billingham smashed home the vital goal to seal the points for Stourbridge.

The victorious Lions, back from left, James Owen, Adam Bowser, Richard Pennock, Duncan Faulkener, Aaron Clifford, Jonathon Taylor, Joseph Loverock, Harry Wainwright, Christopher Simcox, Daniel Shrimpton, William Ballard, Tom Dews, Mike Pullen and Samuel Strangward. Front, from left, Andrew Slater, Anthony Hackett, John Guise, Stu Doolittle, George Tildesley, Daniel Cox, Ross Williamson and Paul Harper-Smith.

Andy Slater punches the air in delight after grabbing the winning try for the Lions against Earlsdon

LIONS' PRIDE OVER COMEBACK VASE WIN

STOURBRIDGE LIONS won a pulsating game to clinch the Midlands Vase Final, coming from 18-5 down at half-time in front of a big crowd at Stourton Park.

One more victory at South Yorkshire side Wath upon Dearne on April 7 in the national semi-finals would now give them a big day out in the final at Twickenham.

Stourbridge Lions 25 Earlsdon 21

Earlsdon arrived with a big following and a big reputation as favourites, being undefeated all season and having put 50 points past Wolverhampton in the semi-final.

The early exchanges did not bode well for the watching Lions fans, with Earlsdon eight points up in the first 15 minutes.

Stour were back in it within five minutes after a lineout catch and drive to the line for skipper Stu Doolittle to score his sixth try in three games and 15th of the season from No.8.

By half-time a further penalty and converted try by the Earlsdon fly-half seemed to have put the visitors on their way to a big win.

The Lions made a couple of changes at half-time and took the game to Earlsdon with a display of forward power and dominance that has been unsurpassed this season.

Almost immediately the first of several attempts by Earlsdon to hold up the forwards resulted in a penalty from George Tildesley to reduce the arrears to 10 points. Just over five minutes later the referee finally lost patience with the Earlsdon tactics at both breakdown and scrum and sin-binned two of their players within a minute. At the subsequent scrum he awarded Stour a penalty try, leaving the Lions just three points behind after Tildesley's conversion.

A drop goal from Earlsdon was followed by another Doolittle try, leaving Stour a point behind.

With five minutes to go the pressure told when diminutive Stour scrum-half Andy Slater charged down a kick by the Earlsdon fly-half, picked up and out-paced the defence to the line.

Earlsdon mounted a frenzied attack in the last few minutes but ferocious defending held them at bay until an Earlsdon back knocked on and the whistle blew.

Skipper Doolittle said: "What I asked for was 100 per cent passion and commitment – and I got far more than that."

Delight as the final whistle sounds to confirm victory for Stourbridge Lions in the final. *Pictures: Ceri Davies*

Gornal go three down but battle for a draw

Wellington 3 Gornal 3

WEST Midland League title chasers Gornal hit back from three goals down to claim a point.

It was a far from convincing performance by the visitors who were a goal behind after three minutes.

A long ball was flicked on by Saul Thomas to Matt Williams; he got around the back of Kristian Green and his low cross found the unmarked Paul Jones who shot low into the bottom corner.

Poor defending again allowed the home side to extend their lead on 40 minutes. Andy Price was not challenged as he ran into the box unmarked and headed home a Matt Williamson free-kick.

Gornal started the second half with Matt Martin replacing the injured Robin Keates.

Raced

Matt Weyman had a good chance on 55 minutes to reduce the deficit, but his weak shot was saved.

Wellington scored against the run of play on 60 minutes, a long ball found Tom Mclean down the right, who raced in behind the Gornal defence and hit a shot into the far corner.

Ian Rowe made two changes, replacing Weyman and Mike Perks with Ricky Nicholls and Gurd Wilkhoo.

Gornal began to gain some belief that they could get something from the game, and on 73 minutes debutant Ben Stretton scored from a loose ball.

Two minutes later, Calum Martin had an easy task of scoring as the Wellington defence panicked following another Young free-kick.

Marvin Nisbett completed the comeback after Martin pulled the ball back across goal, and he shot low into the bottom corner.

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